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COMMUNICATIONS.

General Association of Kentucky.

Dr. Ben. Gardner.

The meeting of the General Association of the State of Kentucky is now in session in this place (Harrodsburg). A large delegation is expected, and all communications have been forwarded by six hundred. The session of the Ministers' Institute convened yesterday. Fifty-seven delegates enrolled their names. Eight essays were provided for, but only two were presented. Dr. Boyce read an able paper on the subject: "Was Primitive Baptism customary among the Jews, prior to our Savior's time?" Dr. B. stated that he only intended a brief discussion of this subject, and would refer those who wished to enter fully into the matter to Dr. Gill, Vol. 23, and to Dr. Toy, in the *Baptist Quarterly*. A short paper was read from F. H. Kerford on "Association and Efficiency," after which the subject was thoroughly discussed by brethren Woodfill, Boyce and Weaver. The agency system received a ¹⁴³ vote.

On motion, it was decided that the next session of the Association be held at Winchester. Although it is felt that *city miles from this place*, it was agreed that the adjoining mountain country needed it there.

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Prof. Rucker, of Georgetown College, made an excellent speech, in which he spoke specially of the Sunday-school work in connection with church work, and in connection with the conversion of sinners and the salvation of the world. The report was discussed by others and finally adopted.

APPROVED.

Report on schools and colleges read and referred to a committee. Report on Publications read. Dr. Broadus said he thought the Baptists of Kentucky ought to take their own State paper first, and if they are able to do so, we must read the same.

Dr. Broadus and adopted a motion to publish the *Memorial of the late Dr. Wright*, the *Memorial* was now in print, and would be ready about the 1st of July. The book is said to be valuable and interesting. Many matters of historical interest are embodied in the work. It is published by Carpenter & Cates, Louisville, Ky.

At this point the *Session of the Ministers' Institute* was declared adjourned, as the hour for organization of the Association arrived, and while the votes were being counted, the Association engaged in devotional exercises. After singing the hymn, "Amazing Grace," and prayer by Rev. George Clay Smith. The report of the *Baptist Orphan's Home*, in Louisville, was read and freely discussed. It was stated that the sum of \$300 was needed at once to meet current expenses. A large part of this amount was raised in a few moments.

NIGHT SESSION.

The report on Foreign Missions was read. Rev. L. B. Woodfill spoke with great enthusiasm, after singing a hymn by Prof. H. A. Berry, the oldest minister present. He made a special appeal to the ladies, urging upon them the importance of sympathizing with and praying for those devoted women who have left home and all that is dear to a woman's heart to go to a degraded heathen land, and there live and labor and die. He spoke of one of these faithful women who had lately visited his home. She was in the bloom of life and health, had lost her husband in a heathen land, and was now going back alone, leaving behind her three little children, whom she might never meet again in this world. She said she was willing to do this for Christ. When asked how she could talk of these things so calmly and without shedding a tear, she replied: "I have wept the fountain dry." Rev. J. A. Kerley urged the importance of showing our interest in the matter by our works. Bro. Hunt expressed the opinion that a large majority of our people hold dangerous and erroneous views with regard to the condition of the heathen. They believe that many of them will be saved because they are ignorant. It is inconsistent with their views of the character of God, that the heathen world should be lost. They think if they heathen, who have no gospel, do the best they can, they will be saved. He urged the importance of instructing and enlightening the people on the subject, for just as long as they hold such views they will do much to send the heathen to hell.

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Report on schools and colleges was read, and the confidence of the people. Others, after lamentable falls, have, in a great measure, succeeded in re-instating themselves in popular regard, and again been useful ministers. But how wide a gap was made in their lives for usefulness! how much evil did they work! and which they can never undo!

There is another and probably a more malignant class, consisting of men who live the wages of merciful consciences, and who enter the ministry from some impure motive.

They never were regenerated, and they do not love God, nor the gospel of Christ. Having not the spirit of Christ, they never manifested it, and are doubtless the occasion of the ruin of many souls, who, knowing them as professed exponents of Christianity, are disgusted with their wretched exhibitions of its opposite, and conclude that all religion is a fraud.

On the other hand, being

ambitious of numbers and seekers of place, they unscrupulously bring many into the churches, who have no saving knowledge of the gospel. Such ministers are restless spirits, and are apt to raise parties, and churches are sometimes long afflicted with schisms created by their practices. But when pecuniary support fails, they generally drift into the unclean pool of party politics, or otherwise drop to their level in the slum of congenial spirits.

But the most numerous class of all

whom it is here deemed proper to mention with regret, consists of such as are, without question, regenerated and called of God to preach, and who do *not* give *any* and *instructively* but *superficially* upon the subject. Dr. S. H. Field made a special appeal to the ladies, urging upon them the importance of sympathizing with and praying for those devoted women who have left home and all that is dear to a woman's heart to go to a degraded heathen land, and there live and labor and die. He spoke of one of these faithful women who had lately visited his home. She was in the bloom of life and health, had lost her husband in a heathen land, and was now going back alone, leaving behind her three little children, whom she might never meet again in this world. She said she was willing to do this for Christ. When asked how she could talk of these things so calmly and without shedding a tear, she replied: "I have wept the fountain dry." Rev. J. A. Kerley urged the importance of showing our interest in the matter by our works. Bro. Hunt expressed the opinion that a large majority of our people hold dangerous and erroneous views with regard to the condition of the heathen. They believe that many of them will be saved because they are ignorant. It is inconsistent with their views of the character of God, that the heathen world should be lost. They think if they heathen, who have no gospel, do the best they can, they will be saved. He urged the importance of instructing and enlightening the people on the subject, for just as long as they hold such views they will do much to send the heathen to hell.

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of the stump is gone. I send you a flower which grew near by, near enough to have heard that sermon of more than one hundred years ago. On motion the morning session adjourned.

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Bro. Gambrell's.

—was here some time since, in the interest of a Union Sabbath-school Convention. The thing has caused some trouble to our church. I do not know how it will end. Will you give your views through the Record on the subject? Are there such Conventions in other States? and are the Baptists engaged in them? What about the International Bible Lessons? Any compromise of principle?

The above letter has come to this office. We will answer and explain according to our own knowledge and views:

Gulf Coast Association.

This Association is composed of the churches of New Orleans, Mobile, and the districts lying between and immediately around these places. There are, in all, eighteen churches. It is a singular fact that the Association stretches out one hundred and forty miles, and embraces churches in three States. It therefore properly belongs to no State Convention. That part of it lying in Mississippi and Louisiana will represent itself in the Mississippi State Convention, while the Alabama churches will operate with the Convention of that State. The object in forming the body, was to bring the Baptists of the Association has a school, and are all doing well. Over in Alabama, there is a school in the country, superintended and taught by an earnest young sister. This is a noble example for others to follow. Bro. Pearce will please give her our respects and Christian love.

But ought Baptists to have any thing to do with these union efforts? We think they ought. Many of our brethren will differ from us in this, but no matter, we think Baptists ought to favor, and help to control one of the grandest movements of the age. It may be well to say that we once thought we ought to do much against this way, but we have learned something in five years.

The Introductory Sermon was preached Friday night by Dr. Wilson, from John 3:7—Ye must be born again. The theme, of course, was regeneration. We never heard that great doctrine presented in a stronger manner. The congregation gave excellent attention, and we think good result.

Bro. Wilson said that he had chosen that subject because, now, regeneration, more than any other doctrine, must be insisted upon. It is the especial work of this Association to contend for a converted church-membership.

Some object to this statement, but it is sadly true.

MISSIONS.

The Gulf Coast Association is a missionary body. It is provided in the constitution that, only those churches shall represent themselves in the annual meeting which have contributed something to missions during the previous twelve months. Is this not right? But this is in advance of the position usually occupied by our Associations.

Apposite to the above, it was shown that, during the year just closed, the churches had contributed to all missions nearly, if not quite, \$1.00 per member. This is indeed a fine showing. While it speaks well for the past, it gives promise for the future. We have never met a body fuller of the missionary spirit.

HOMESTEAD.

Dr. Wilson presented a fine report of the fact, that in Rome one of the grandest and most interesting of all the ancient temples, was being taken down, stone by stone, and used to construct private palaces for the petty noblemen of Italy. This, in effect, has been done to the temple of God's truth. People have taken as much of it as they liked, and have constructed systems of religion to suit themselves. The International system goes a long way towards curing this evil. It takes us out of the groove, and will certainly result in the people's knowing more of the Scriptures.

Baptists, above all others, should favor such a plan; because, the Bible really studied. We have every thing to gain and nothing to lose, unless we hold some heresies, and in that case, we will gain by our less.

But is there not danger, that those scriptures which especially teach Baptist doctrine, will be avoided in making out of the system of studies? We once objected on this account, but upon reflection we are confident that there is no danger of that sort. The men who have the matter in hand, are men of great character, and are acting under the eye of the world. Great men rarely quibble. Only those who have no reputation at stake, and are men of weak character, dodge. For this reason, all the great scholars among Pedobaptists rigidly define *baptizo*, while the lesser ones among them will not hesitate to dispute the meaning of the word, as given by their own scholars.

Even a thief will not steal if he knows there are a thousand eyes on him; much less will honorable Hydrobaptists of reputation fail to act in accordance with all the world looking at

them. There is no reason to fear that we will not be fairly dealt with.

There is still another reason why we approve this plan. As we go over the same lessons with our Pedobaptist neighbors and friends, we will watch them and they will watch us. We will all bear watching.

There is more or less of partisanship in all people. We are all under temptation to draw from a Scripture, frequently some pet doctrine, which it does not teach. We will be a mutual restraint upon each other.

Once more: As people in the same communities are studying the same lessons, there will be frequent interchanges of views, and little discussions which will advance the truth. To conclude, if Baptists are right, this is the very thing for them; and if they are not, then it is the thing for them, for they may get right by getting out of the rut.

THE BIBLE CAUSE was presented in a good report by Eld. H. C. Weymouth, of the First church, New Orleans. Bro. W. followed in a practical speech enforcing the importance of the work of distributing the Scriptures. The Southwestern Bible Society was especially and warmly commended. Bro. Wilson showed specimen copies of the Scriptures, sold by the Society so cheap that nearly any one might have a Bible. Think of a Bible with family record for only thirty-five cents! We commend the work of this Society.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Superintendent George A. Pearce, of Mobile, presented an admirable report on Sunday-school work. Taking it all together, we have never heard one so full and good. There was some good speaking on the subject.

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Saturday night a mass meeting was held in the interest of missions, by Bro. Lowrey, of Mobile, opened the discussion, we followed, and Secretary Walne closed with a collection amounting to more than one hundred dollars.

In all respects the meeting was a good one. Harmony of feeling and action characterized all the divisions of the body. A spirit of devotion to the Master's work prevailed in all the sessions.

The hospitality of the people was overflowing. The next session will be held at Handsboro, Friday before the Fourth Sabbath in May, 1879.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

We left Clinton on 2nd inst., on the 2nd for the Coliseum Place, New Orleans, we spent the night with Bro. Wood, of the firm of Beale, Wood & Co., commission merchants. We preached, or tried to preach, in the First church at night.

Met quite a number of earnest brethren and sisters. The brethren say there is a more hopeful future for this church. We hope so.

Next morning, in company with the New Orleans delegation, we set out for Moss Point. The New Orleans & Mobile Railroad is one of the best in the South. For quite a distance we can through a low, marshy country. We noticed many alligators in their native waters. By and by we came to dry land, and in view of the Gulf. The scenery is lovely. Broad inlets or rivers and beautiful villages are seen, mainly the summering places of the people of New Orleans and Mobile. As we were running thirty or forty miles an hour, we saw a dog trying to keep up with us. He had doubtless been in the habit of following wagons. With all his honesty and effort, we left him behind. More than dogs will be left behind in these days of railroads. Men with their eyes in the backs of their heads will fail to that dog.

At Scranton we stopped. Moss Point is four miles away, up the river. As soon as you look around, you are troubled to know whether you are in the country or in town. From Pascagoula, on the Gulf, to Moss Point, six miles distant, the same trouble meets you. The houses are too far apart for town and too close together for country. If there is any place between the Scranton and town, Pascagoula, Scranton, and Moss Point, just there. Along the coast and river are some three thousand people. This is the great lumber market of the coast. There are some fifteen mills within a short distance of the Point. The logs to supply them are floated down from the far interior. Vessels from many parts of the world, enter Pascagoula harbor and bear away some three or four millions of dollars worth of lumber annually. This trade, however, has been greatly impeded by the log seizers.

We were entertained by Mr. Clay Vaughn and his excellent lady. These are good Methodist people, and treated us most kindly. May the Lord reward them. We bid for our companion Capt. Butterworth, of the United States Monitor, "Cannon," which is now stationed at New Orleans. Bro. Butterworth is from the neighborhood of Boston. He is a thorough and well-informed Baptist, a Christian, and a gentleman. Coming to New Orleans, he at once sought out the Baptist church, and united with it, heart and hand. He

has greatly endeared himself to the church and pastor. Such bairns are welcome to our hearts, onmes, and our churches, whether they wear blue or black, or whether they had from Massachusetts or SouCarolina.

This is a pleasant place at which to live. We write in full view the great Gulf.

We preached Sunday night the night with Capt. Hall, who had the waves most of his life. Mrs. Hall is an earnest, kind, honest, woman, though for years surrounded by Catholics and Episcopalians can be nothing but a Baptist.

Next morning we paid our respects to the Gulf, in the way a —. We must close.

This is an interesting country. Its chief products are "tar, pitch and turpentine," lumber, fish, oysters, steam-boats, alligators, mice, pigeons, and lately, Bats.

The above should have appeared last week, but was delayed by mail. Below we continue our course.

The Association over, we gave

day to writing up our notes

joying the company of the brethren and sisters who were spending the day with Bro. M. B. Richmond family.

Bro. Richmond is a strong

Baptist, and edits one of the best

papers in the State. Any one

wishing to know about the east

country, should take the *Democrat Star*, published at Scranton.

We learn from Bro. Magruder,

Minister of the General Association,

that his work is of a most

encouraging character.

The people hear the Word gladly.

There is, however, more distinction that he can supply, especially, as he gave

only a part of his time to the work.

Leaving Scranton in company with Eld. B. W. Bussy, pastor of Broad Street church, Mobile, and sister-in-law; also Bro. Wharton. We made a pleasant run to Mobile. Here we parted from our pleasant company and took passage on the Mobile & Ohio Road to Escatawpa. At the depot we were met and welcomed by our brother, Eld. O. D. Bowen, of Shubuta, who had run down to meet us, and conduct us through his field of labor. Pleasant lodgings were waiting us at Bro. Joe Grisham's, who with his excellent wife, is of South Carolina stock. We had the good fortune to be born in that State; so we claim kin. There is a small but growing church at this place. Tuesday night we preached to a good congregation, took some subscriptions for the Record, had a good hand shaking, and left on the night train.

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weekday congregation.

There is a more eloquent

and more eloquent speaker

than Bro. Bowen.

Tuesday morning we

arrived in Mobile.

At the depot we were conducted

by Bro. Bowen to his room in Bro.

Leatherbury's home.

